

"HE WIFE ME AND NOOTHER" DECLARES MRS. MOHR TO JURY

Confident of Acquittal on Charge
of Instigating Husband's
Murder, She Resumes Nar-
rative of His Cruelties.

Denies Money Transactions
With Alleged Negro Accom-
plices—May Complete Her
Story This Afternoon.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 27.—"I know in my heart that the doctor loved me and no one else."
With these words, Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr resumed the story of her unhappy married life with the Rhode Island physician, in the superior court, where she is being tried on the charge of "aiding, abetting and procuring" three negroes to kill her husband.

Mrs. Mohr took up her relations with the doctor after the separate maintenance suit began.

"I wanted the children to see their father," she said, "even after I began suit, and I sent them to have dinner with him almost every night the first week after I filed the petition."

TALKED WITH BROWN.
"On August 13, I went to the Newport home to bring my son Charles home. The doctor was not there, and while waiting I talked with Victor Brown at the stables about my new house and the saddest which I wanted for myself. This was all we talked about," she declared.

"I saw Healey on June 12. He said he wanted to come to my house, but when I came in his place, that was the first time I ever saw Healey. It was Healey's custom to visit me when he came on orders for the doctor."

She denied ever having any money transactions with any of the negroes, and when asked about buying a motorcycle for Brown, she answered: "I never gave him money for a machine, and I never offered to get him one."

Two vivid statements made by her in the direct testimony yesterday stood out fresh in memory as she walked to the stand, one was to the effect that her husband struck her because she stayed all night with her maid, and the other was her assertion of always waiting for a reconciliation because she loved him.

Although tears often filled the widow's eyes, she managed to give her testimony in a quiet, clear voice, and under careful questioning by Attorney Cushing, her story was uninterrupted.

It is believed that Mrs. Mohr's story will be finished late this afternoon. It is intimated that her counsel will seek to hold her on direct examination through the day, so that she will have a night's rest before being subjected to cross-examination at the hands of the State.

Story of Devotion.
The wife's devotion to the man whose personal character, even the State does not now defend, will be the dominating note of the defense.

Kaiser Spends 57th Birthday in Field

No Elaborate Celebrations of
Anniversary at Request
of Emperor.

BERLIN (via Amsterdam), Jan. 27.—Kaiser Wilhelm spent his fifty-seventh birthday today in the field with his troops. Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, who left Berlin late last night, is en route to army headquarters to join the Emperor.

At the Kaiser's special request the elaborate celebrations of this year's birthday were being held in Berlin and other cities of the empire, but the usual parades and street demonstrations were lacking.

The Kaiser has now completely recovered from his recent illness, according to reports received here.

EIGHT-MILE PETITION DEMANDS EMBARGO

Twenty Clothes Baskets of
Signatures Presented to the
Senate By Kenyon.

Carried in twenty clothes baskets, with an additional bundle besides, a nonsexist petition for an embargo on arms and munitions was presented to the Senate today.

This petition was presented by Senator Kenyon and was prepared by the organization of American Women for Strict Sentimentality, of which Miss M. L. Miller, of Baltimore, is the head.

Each of the baskets contained a lot of rolls, tied up with red, white and blue ribbons. In all, there were 1,000 rolls, and each roll was about four feet long, or nearly eight miles of petition.

The petition was started from Baltimore in a huge van this morning at 7 o'clock and arrived at the Capitol a little before noon.

Senator Kenyon presented the petition with a brief speech, in which he approved an embargo on arms. Senators Clapp and Sheppard approved the motion of an embargo. Senator Hitchcock read telegrams from grain men and others in his State, Nebraska, declaring the arms traffic was causing crop shortage and interfering with grain shipments.

He denounced the arms and munitions exportation as "damnable." The Senate then took up the petition, but the Vice President ruled the motion in order and debatable.

A sharp parliamentary wrangle resulted from the ruling of the chair. Senator Stone appealed from it. Senator Clarke took the view that the ruling of the Vice President was correct, but that the petition should go to the Foreign Relations Committee. He said this would be a violation of the Senate's duty.

Senators Marine, Ashurst, Lane, and Works denounced the arms traffic and urged an embargo. Senator Ashurst declared this country was in no position to help bring about peace when it had been drenched in human blood.

He predicted that greed for private profits would block the bill for a Government armor plate factory.

Senator Works said: "I believe if it had not been for this nefarious trade in arms the people who went down on the Lusitania would never have lost their lives."

WILSON AGAIN CHECKS SUFFS WHO HECKLED

President Reiterates Views on
Suffrage, But Refuses to
Argue With Interviewers.

BESIEGED AT THE WALDORF
Chief Executive Spending Busy
Day in New York—To Make
Several Speeches.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—President Wilson, after being besieged by 250 suffragists at the Waldorf today, granted them an interview, but refused to be heckled on suffrage, but refused to be heckled.

He told those who grew insistent that he did not care to argue the question, and withdrew to the privacy of his rooms.

The President was finally "smoked out" by the suffragists after the head laid siege to the Presidential suite for three hours. Having failed to obtain an engagement with the President at the Waldorf, the suffragists moved to the Hotel Hamilton, where they were met by the President's private secretary.

They opened hostilities by bombarding the Chief Executive with notes.

Declined An Invitation.
The President declined an invitation to address the suffragists on the plea that he was too busy preparing the three speeches he was scheduled to deliver in New York today.

He was also refused to carry any more notes to the Presidential suite on the ground that the excessive persecution induced by the suffragists had ruined his color.

Outmaneuvered in the diplomatic exchange, the suffragists quit writing notes and agreed to a meeting. They sent an aggressive delegation to the floor on which the Presidential suite was located, and began an attack on Secretary Tumulty.

The Tumulty after defense gave way, and a third appeal was carried down to the President. He finally capitulated and descended to the east room.

Mrs. Wilson did not accompany him, and the suffragists had no opportunity of impressing their arguments on the new First Lady of the Land.

Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Mary Beard and Mrs. Henry Buere first addressed President Wilson, asking that he take (Continued on Second Page.)

BIL FOR NEW BRIDGE WINS GARRISON O. K.

Secretary of War Sends Favor-
able Report on Measure to
Rebuild Aqueduct.

MEETS WITH CITY HEADS
Army Engineers Believe Work
Can Be Done Within Limits
of \$1,500,000 Fund.

Following a conference today with the District Commissioners Secretary of War Garrison sent a report to the House District Committee approving the Carlin bill providing for the rebuilding of the Aqueduct bridge at a maximum cost of \$1,500,000.

Although the contents of the report will not be made public until it has reached the committee it is understood Secretary Garrison recommends that the cost of the new structure be shared equally by the Federal Government and the taxpayers.

His reason for recommending this division of the cost is based, it is understood, on facts presented to him with reference to the direct benefits accruing to the people of the district from the bridge traffic. Owing to the fact that the matter of Virginia's interest in the structure was not presented to him in any official way, the Secretary, it is said, did not recommend that the taxpayers around the Virginia end of the bridge be required to share in the expense.

It is also stated that because of the business interests which have developed around either terminal of the bridge by reason of its present location, Secretary Garrison does not recommend a change of location.

Present at the conference with the Secretary were Commissioners Newman, Brownlow and Kutz, General Kingman, Chief of Engineers of the War Department, and Colonel Jadin. In the discussion the conference had before them the report of the chief of engineers stating that the bridge could be safely located at or about the present site within the \$1,500,000 called for in the Carlin bill.

This report further stated that the present structure was in an unsafe condition, and should be replaced at the earliest possible time.

Officers Who Differ On Use of Potomac Park



Brig. Gen. W. E. Harvey, commanding the District National Guard, for permission to use a portion of the Potomac Park tract, east of the railroad bridge, as a drill ground for the field artillery and other mounted organizations of the local militia. The Secretary intimated the position taken by Col. W. W. Harts, superintendent of public buildings and grounds, that use of the park for such purposes would spoil it for recreation purposes.



Garrison's Answer.
The letter to General Harvey follows:

"I have given careful consideration to your letter of December 29, with reference to a drill field for the field artillery and other mounted organizations of the District of Columbia militia. The proposition to use Potomac Park for this purpose was referred to the officer in charge of publication of the District of Columbia."

May Give Hearing On
Drinking Cup Law
Commissioners Ask Druggists to
File Statement of Objections
First, However.

Replying to a request for a public hearing, the Commissioners today sent the Retail Druggists' Association a letter asking that a written statement be filed with the board of the points in the new regulations governing the use of the common towel and drinking cup and providing for the sterilization after each use of glasses used at soda fountains upon which the association desires enlightenment.

A date for a hearing, the Commissioners say, will be set as soon as practicable thereafter, unless it should later appear to the association that no hearing is required.

The association recently sent to the Commissioners a letter saying it was believed the language of the regulation should be made sufficiently definite to make clear to the unscientific mind exactly what is required. The association or any of its individual members, the Commissioners say, can obtain information as to the details of compliance with the regulation by inquiring at the Health Department.

The West End Citizens' Association, which asked for a hearing on the new regulations, also was requested to file a written brief setting forth its views. The regulations become effective February 1.

3 U.S. OFFICERS ARE UNDER ARREST FOR MEXICO 'INVASION'

Lieutenants Face Court-Martial Because
They Led Expedition Across Rio
Grande In Effort To Save
Captured Comrades

DEMANDS TO BE SENT TO CARRANZA
Government Will Call For Immediate Re-
turn of Soldiers Seized By Mexican
Civilians While They Were
In Bathing at Border

Three United States army officers are under arrest and face a court-martial as the result of the sensational raid of fifteen troopers across the Mexican border yesterday.

In a desperate attempt to rescue two of their comrades, who had been captured by armed Mexicans, the American soldiers crossed the Rio Grande, a technical invasion of the neighboring republic.

Formal representations will be sent to General Carranza demanding the immediate return of the two soldiers captured on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande, opposite Mercedes, Texas.

With the representations, it is understood, will be sent a statement advising the head of the Mexican de facto government that Lieutenants Mort, Peyton, and Waldron, commanding the expedition of fifteen American troopers who dashed across the border in vain pursuit of the captors, have been placed under arrest awaiting court-martial.

Coincident with these startling developments here, 2,000 clergymen in New York were listening to an outline of President Wilson's policy toward Mexico in reply to their expression of appreciation of his efforts to keep the country at peace.

With his keynote of "justice without aggression," Wilson declared that he was committed to the policy of allowing Mexico to work out her own affairs.

"Live and let live," he declared, "is a homely phrase, but the basis of existence."

Justice Is Keynote
Of Mexican Policy,
President Declares

Officers' Action
Secretly Condoned
By Some Officials

Although acknowledging that Lieutenants Mort, Peyton, and Waldron, who commanded the expedition that crossed into Mexico to save two United States soldiers, violated an express order issued months ago, prohibiting American soldiers from crossing the border without express instructions from Washington, subordinate officials of the War Department secretly condoned the offense. They declare that the American troops along the border have been for so long subjected to wanton attacks and insults from the Mexican side that it was too much to expect them to sit idly by while the Mexicans made off with the Americans. In this connection attention is called to the fact that the two troopers were stripped for swimming and defenses, and also to the fact that the last time an American trooper was captured on the Mexican side he was tortured and killed.

Officers of the navy, while admitting that similar orders against the invasion of Mexican territory have been issued to commanders of ships on both coasts, say that none of them would hesitate a moment to violate them under similar provocation.

They proudly recall the fact today that Vice Admiral Mayo intervened to blow up the account of Tampico if the commander of the Mexican gunboat there did not characterize it as "an act of hostility," although it was admitted that the first act of violence came from the Mexican side when the Mexicans seized the two troopers.

In army circles there is grave apprehension over the fate of the two troopers. In view of the threats constantly made by Villista adherents that they will kill all Americans they get hold of, dispatches to the War Department did not make clear the circumstances under which the three other troopers who were swimming across the river were drowned. Inasmuch, however, as the reports state that the Mexicans fired on those in the water, it is feared that some of them were struck by bullets.

H. L. Hollis, representing the Cusumming Company, fifth of whose employees were victims in the recent massacre of seventeen Americans and one Canadian at Santa Ysabel, called at the State Department today and presented

BRITAIN PLANS NEW BLOW AT U.S. TRADE

Will Exclude All Unnecessary
Imports to Relieve Shipping.
Joint Note By Allies.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—The British government has decided upon a partial prohibition of the importance of many articles not absolutely necessary, in order to relieve the shipping situation, provided by the British government, of the board of trade, announced in Commons this afternoon.

The whole British mercantile marine, he stated at the same time, will be placed under government control.

Neutral countries, principally the United States and Sweden, and setting forth the allied position toward neutral trade for the period of the war, also in a declaration of policy, the allied diplomats plan to make an impressive showing of united purpose that will influence all actions by neutral. The first official hint of such a program was dropped by Sir Edward Grey in his speech on the proposed blockade yesterday.

Female Mosquitoes
Spread Malaria
General Gorgas Says Only That
Sex Is Responsible for
Disease.

For weeks Congressman Farley of New York city, has sat silent in the hearings of the House Military Affairs Committee while his colleagues fired questions at witnesses. Farley's opportunity came when Surgeon General Gorgas discussed malaria fever.

"General, isn't it true that only the female mosquito bites?" Farley asked, breaking his long silence.

THOUSANDS TAGGED FOR HEBREW RELIEF

Men, Women, and Children
Engaged in Campaign to Aid
War Sufferers.

Tags sold on the streets of Washington today, National Hebrew Relief Day, to raise funds to relieve the suffering of war-stricken Hebrews in Europe, went like hot cakes.

The entire city was blanketed with volunteer ticket sellers—men, women, and children. There were few reusals to purchase. Before the day was many hours old thousands of persons were wearing tags on which was printed "Official American Relief Day, Jan. 27, 1916, for Jewish War Sufferers."

The volunteers set no fixed price on the tags. Each purchaser gave what he or she wished, the contribution being dropped into seal boxes carried by the vendors. Twenty thousand tags were distributed to the volunteers at Eighth Street Temple at 5 o'clock this morning.

At noon several automobiles carried 25,000 additional tags to the volunteers. David H. Alpher, chairman of the tag day committee, said this afternoon that there was every indication that the boxes of the volunteers to raise more money than was contributed in any other city the size of Washington would be realized. He added that all the volunteers would bring or send their contribution boxes to the Eighth Street Temple at 7 o'clock tonight and the donors would count the money and announce the total donations.

Aged Man Killed by Fall From Window

His Daughter, Critically Ill.
Awakened as He Drops to
Acreway.

William Sinclair, aged seventy-six, was found dead early today by his son-in-law, Richard H. Lewis, in the rear acreway of his home, 329 Third Street northwest. Coroner Nevitt issued a certificate of accidental death, investigation having established the fact that the aged man fell from a window on the third floor.

The police were told that Mrs. Annie Lewis Davis, the aged man's daughter, who has been critically ill for several weeks, and who occupies a room on the second floor, was awake at 3:50 o'clock this morning and saw a dark object fall across the window. A moment later she heard groans. She aroused her husband, who hurried to the rear acreway where Sinclair's lifeless body was found.

REAL ESTATE MEN IN SESSION HERE

National Association of Ex-
changes Begins Quarterly
Meeting At Willard Hotel.

Representatives of the real estate boards in fifty cities of the country gathered in the ballroom of the New Willard hotel, the occasion being the quarterly meeting of the National Association of Real Estate Exchanges. Sessions will continue today and tomorrow. Many matters of vital importance to real estate brokers are on the program for discussion.

At the opening session this morning arrangements were made for the ninth annual convention of the association, which will be held in New Orleans, March 28 to 31. Reports that were presented indicated that the attendance at this convention will be between 1,200 and 1,500.

Real estate boards in the following places were received into the national organization: Harrisburg, Chester and Washington, Pa.; Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Madison, Wis.; Canton and Yonkers, Ohio; Fort Smith, Ark.; Oklahoma City, Okla.; and San Antonio, Tex., bringing the association's membership up to 16 boards, with a total of 5,500 brokers, it was announced.

Social features in connection with the meeting include a banquet at the New Willard this evening and a luncheon tomorrow.

CHAUFFEUR FINED IN ROCKVILLE COURT

J. S. Van Fleet Takes Appeal
From Conviction For Viola-
tion of Automobile Laws.

Fines and costs aggregating \$102.18 were imposed on Joseph S. Van Fleet, of Washington, by a justice of the peace at Rockville yesterday in two cases involving violation of Maryland State automobile regulations.

Van Fleet was charged with recklessly operating an automobile truck, and with operating the machine without having obtained a proper permit from the State motor vehicle commissioner. An appeal was taken and the case will be tried at the next session of the circuit court.

The arrest of Van Fleet followed an accident on the Washington and Rockville pike, three miles east of Rockville, in January 8, when a truck operated by Van Fleet is said to have run into several horses belonging to William O. Johnson of Gaithersburg, seriously injuring three of them and hurting a colored riding one. The machine was badly damaged.

TELLS WHY GERMANY LEFT SWISS ALONE

Why Switzerland was not overrun by Germany as was Belgium, was told the Senate Committee on Military Affairs today by Captain Christian, a German physician, formerly a Swiss army officer.

That part of Switzerland over which the Germans would have had to pass had been studied in Swiss maneuvers for years he said, and it had been ascertained that more than 200,000 men could be concentrated in two days. The whole problem had been specifically studied.

The Swiss system in the United States, he said, would raise 5,000,000 men, and train them so that they could easily be transformed into effective soldiers in a short time. Recruits would serve sixty days a year, and others eleven days during military age.

Senate District Body Will Meet Tomorrow

The Senate District Committee will meet for its first meeting of the session tomorrow, Senator Smith, chairman, issued the call today.

It is expected consideration will be given a number of pending bills.